



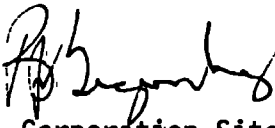
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## DEVELOPMENT PLANNING &amp; RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

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MEMO

TO: Paul Bitter, OSC  
EPA Region V  
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FROM: Robert J. Buzenberg 

RE: Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation Site  
St. Louis Park, MN

DATE: March 9, 1983

## BACKGROUND

This memo is in response to your request for any financial and other information that we could obtain regarding Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation, an Indianapolis Corporation, regarding their location in St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, MN. This is a private corporation incorporated in Indiana with a company facility in St. Louis Park, MN operated from about 1905 until their withdrawal from Minnesota on November 9, 1973.

## SUMMARY OF WHAT IS KNOWN

Because this is a private corporation, there is very little that is known about the company's operation in either St. Louis Park, MN or their main operations in Indianapolis, IN. What is known largely comes from a newspaper article dated October 4 to 10, 1982 in the Indianapolis Business Journal. In that article, there are several quotations from individuals in the Reilly family indicating that the annual sales of the corporation are estimated to be between \$100 - \$200 million. The company reportedly employs about 700 people worldwide with plants in Indianapolis and Belgium and tar refineries in Cleveland, OH, Provo, UT, Long Star, TX and Greenwich City, IL. They also are engaging in a joint venture with a German firm and will be building a plant at Antwerp, Belgium.

Currently, there is estimated expansion taking place in Indianapolis which is reported to cost about \$11 million. The ownership of the company is entirely within the Reilly family.

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At the time that the company withdrew from St. Louis Park, MN, the withdrawal statement indicates that the estimated worth of the corporation in 1973 was \$22 million with annual sales of about \$35 million. It appears to the investigator that it will be extremely difficult to get any better information than these estimates due to the fact that the private corporation does value its privacy and does not publish any details of its operation.

#### FILES FROM STATE AND COUNTY RECORDS

##### Minnesota Historical Library in the State Office Building, St. Paul, MN.

They have a copy of the 1972 yellow pages in the Minneapolis telephone book listing Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation at 7200 Walker as a supplier of creosote products.

##### Hennepin County Courthouse, Minneapolis, MN

1. Copy of a deed June 14, 1973 from Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation to City of St. Louis Park, MN. This deed conveys the land occupied by the plant to the city.
2. Copy of a plat the north half of Section 17, Township 117N, Range 21W
3. Copy of plat of the south half of Section 17, Township 117N, Range 21W

These two plats contain what is known as the auditor's subdivision No. 281, Lot 1.

##### Minneapolis Geodetic Survey Office and the Hudson Map Company

1. A copy of a portion of the Hopkins, MN quadrangle map
2. A copy of a portion of the Minneapolis south quadrangle map

##### Mike Hansel, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

1. A copy of a newspaper account, October 4-10, 1982 in Indianapolis Business Journal regarding Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation.

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Minnesota Secretary of State's Office

1. A copy of the cover sheet regarding the articles of acceptance of the Republic Creosoting Company, dated March 4, 1946
2. A copy of the cover sheet of a filing with the Secretary of State of Minnesota merging the companies of Char Products Company, Inc. and Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation into Republic Creosoting Company, January 3, 1961
3. A copy of the cover sheet of the articles amendment of the Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation dated December 15, 1964
4. Copies of the annual report by foreign corporations holding a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Minnesota for the year 1970
5. Copies of the annual report by foreign corporations holding a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Minnesota for the year 1971
6. Copies of the annual report by foreign corporations holding a Certificate of Authority to transact business in Minnesota for the year 1972
7. A copy of the application of withdrawal from Minnesota by Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation, November 9, 1973

LAND DESCRIPTION

The land that was formerly occupied by Republic Creosoting Company and the Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation in St. Louis Park, MN is described in two parts:

1. That part of Lot 1, "Auditor's Subdivision No. 281 Hennepin County Minnesota" lying within the South one-half of Section 17, Township 117N, Range 21W of the fifth principal meridian
2. That part of Lot 1, "Auditor's Subdivision No. 281 Hennepin County Minnesota" lying within the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 17, Township 117N, Range 21W of the fifth principal meridian

It appears that this land, since being deeded to St. Louis Park, MN, has become a park area and is apparently surrounded by residential and school areas. The deed conveying the land to the city is enclosed with this file but an abstract of the original land owned by Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation was not obtained.

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3. Minnesota Secretary of State's Office  
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St. Paul, MN
4. Minnesota Geodetic Survey Office  
St. Paul, MN
5. Hudson Map Company  
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Minneapolis, MN
6. Hennepin County Courthouse  
Minneapolis, MN
  - a. Register of Deeds Office
  - b. Assessor's Office
  - c. County Survey Office

#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

Inasmuch as this was a limited assignment and also this is a private corporation, it appears this will complete the assignment and no follow-up work is suggested unless Region V has some other specific ideas.

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